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1. Why is documenting this crisis important?

Documenting the 2020-present day crisis is important to show. For the present and the future documentation. I do also have a diary/journal I write during the pandemic. It helps going back and see what I felt that day and what I also did. Even though I didn't do much. Rereading it helps me focus on what I need to do and the goal during and at the end. Not every day it's the same. I write what I did that's day, what I felt and how bad the pandemic is getting. Now for the future it's important to document is that for the next generations they can see what we went through and during this time. I can help them see how we felt during this tuff time. What we do know to is that pandemics like this happen every hundred years. In the future they can see what we did right and what we did wrong and come to their own conclusion on what they need to do. We do also know that this pandemic isn't going to be over soon. Looking back at it can help us see how things are going to be and help us cope with time.

2. Why is the college-student voice important?

I think college-student voice are important because we are usually skip in sociality eyes. So, during this pandemic we sometime our voices aren't heard. College-student are the next generation that is going to help build our sociality. The spike of mental health in college student is very high. Our voice needs to be heard so people can listen and help when we need it. Specially in this pandemic it hard to have our voice heard. Being stuck at home and some of us alone it hard. Our voice now are so important for sociality and the future

What's new in your routine since the pandemic started? What have you learned that you think you will stick with once the pandemic is over?

This pandemic has changed my routines so many times. Before this pandemic my schedule basically looked like Monday to Wednesday. I work up made a bagel, did my skin care, got ready. Then I would take the train to go to my 9AM classes and finish at 1:00. Then I would go get subway across from the fashion/math/science building. I did not eat it in there but on the train back. When straight to work. I worked at Journeys the show store. I was a sales lead so most nights I would close. During my break I would do my homework. After I came home and did some more homework. Thursday to Sunday I was all day at work either opening or closing the store. Except Sunday I would go to the church with my family. I have a pretty busy schedule. Once the pandemic hit my store was closed and I haven't worked. Had no income so I had to move back to my parents' place. I wasn't excited but it had to be done. Most of the time was sitting at my computer on zoom. And made a lot of Tik Toks with my neighbor. I would love to show them, but I didn't get permission to post them. I have so much free time that I didn't know what to do. I started to do yoga. Which I love to do now. I usually go outside but recently it's been freezing outside. So, I've been doing it in the basement. What I truly learned during this pandemic is that it's ok to slow down. To take a break and give yourself a minute to breathe. Now I found a job that I love and I'm getting paid more. I have an amazing boyfriend that I met during this pandemic. And I'm about to move into a better apartment. Sometimes a new normal is what we need sometimes.



This is my subway on the map. I ate it almost everyday



This is the mall I worked at. (Journeys)

After One Year: How Has the Pandemic Changed You?

I still can't believe it has been a year-long pandemic. I was just a freshman when this started and now, I'm about to head in junior year of college. I just remember it was yesterday that everyone on Tik Tok was making whipped coffee, watching the outer banks, watching way too many workout videos. We have been learning on Zoom for over a year now and I hate it. But one thing I've noticed that I was a very busy person. Never really had time before this pandemic. I was either at work or school and nothing else. Once the pandemic hit, I'm stuck at home with no job and just had school. I didn't realize that before the pandemic I was so busy that I didn't know I was pushing my friends away. I finally slowed down and took my time and made new friends. The one girl I was friends with didn't last long but thorough. I met my amazing boyfriend and amazing friends in Wisconsin that I never thought I would have. This has changed me into someone I love. I'm still learning how to have a balance of life and work, but I slowly love the part of me that is living. I love this part of me, and I made amazing friends and made amazing memories during this pandemic.



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Summer 2021 Public History

Journal Entry 4 – What do I miss the most, what am I looking forward to?

Video entry: <https://colum.duracloud.org/durastore/casc.public/08-05-PH-walkowicz.mp4>



Final Prompt Video

http://colum.duracloud.org/durastore/casc.public/08-05-PH-walkowicz-entry_4.mp4

5TH JOURNAL ENTRY

THE
NEW
LIFE

EVENTS THAT HAPPENED
DURING. SMALL AND BIG
EVENTS THAT HAPPENED
DURING THE PADEMIC.

MARCH 13, 2020

School shut down. Online school started

This is where everything changed without realizing it. Most of us thought this will only last two weeks.

MARCH 14, 2020

Can come to work

The store is closed due to the pandemic and I only get two weeks to pay.

APRIL 12, 2020

Easter

Not everyone in my family was together and we didn't go to church because it was shut down

APRIL 15, 2020

Outer Banks came to Netflix

Not much to do during quarantine besides Netflix

APRIL 20, 2020

Still in zoom classes

Struggling to finish the classes especially my patternmaking and construction.

MAY 15, 2020

Semester ened

MAY 25, 2020

George Floyd died

The start of the BLM Movement

MAY 27, 2020

Coronavirus deaths in the U.S passed 100,000

The realization that this is very serious.

JUNE 1, 2020

Came back to work

Have been stuck at home months and happy to come back and make money

JUNE 17, 2020

My 19th Birthday

I don't celebrate my birthday but it did feel wired to just be at home

JUNE 20, 2020

Murder Hornet

On Tik Tok, there was a talk about the Hornets that are huge and big and coming to America.



SEPTEMBER 22,2020

United States death toll surpassed 200,000
Its getting worse.

SEPTEMBER 28,2020

Global deaths reached 1 million
The entire world is affected

OCTOBER 2,2020

President Trump tested positive for the virus
He didn't believe in the covid crises and now he got it

OCTOBER 3,2020

Poland's President Andrzej Duda test positive for Covid-19
I'm Polish and this was important to see another higher-up get Covid was an eye-opener.

NOVEMBER 3,2020

United States Presidential Election
Biden won. The new president of the United States

NOVEMBER 5 ,2020

U.S. surpasses 10M cases
there are so many cases in America yet many people think it is fake

NOVEMBER 16,2020

Moderna vaccine is reported to be 94.5% effective
This is giving hope for the future for many people

DECEMBER 14,2020

U.S. death toll surpassed 300,000
The deaths keep getting higher

DECEMBER 18,2020

FDA approves Pfizer vaccine with emergency authorization
Having one of the first vaccines approved and giving people the chance to get in

NOVEMBER 18 ,2020

The F.D.A. approved Moderna's Covid vaccine
This is one of the first two that got approved and it is huge for the future.

DECEMBER 21,2020

Congress passes \$900B COVID relief bill
This will help people that are not insured like me to get the vaccine for free

DECEMBER 23,2020

Christmas Eve
The first time my whole family was together since the pandemic

JANUARY 1, 2021

New years

Spend with closes friends We were together in a small group and didn't go out. It was just amazing to spend time together and just had fun

JANUARY 8, 2021

Biden Plans to Rapidly release Most Covid Does.

Joe Biden announces he will quickly release most available vaccine doses to inoculate more people, reversing Trump’s previous policies

FEBRUARY 12, 2021
The US purchases 200 Million Moderna and Pfizer Vaccines

The vaccines can come out to people even sooner.

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Valentines day

It was nice to forget the struggles and just have fun that day.

FEBRUARY 20, 2021

Struggling in school

Struggling in schools. Being in zoom for so long that it took a toll on my mental health and was struggling to finish.

MARCH 3, 2021

Biden Says Vaccines Will Be Available for Every US Adult by May

Giving us the chavce to protect yourself

APRIL 6,2021

Columbia College class opened

75% of the class is back. I got three classes back to school and two in zoom for the fall.

APRIL 13, 2021

Johnson & Johnson is paused on the Vaccine

The vaccine after rare blood-clotting issue affects 6 women and kills 1.

APRIL 19,2021

Celebrated my boyfriend 20th birthday

A long-distance relationship is not easy but I took some time off to be with him.

APRIL 20,2021

Columbia College is offering Covid vaccine

This gives many people a chance to get vaccinated because it hard to find an appointment

APRIL 29,2021

I got my first dose of Pfizer

This is a huge step for the future. I was sick after the dose but it a less chance for me and others to get Covid.

MAY 20,2021

Im fully vaccinated

This is a huge step for the future



SELF- PORTRAIT MAY 2021

By: Sandra Walkowicz

Who are you today?

TODAY'S DISCUSSION

I am a different person from the beginning of this pandemic. I lost people close to me but also met one of my amazing best friends and an amazing boyfriend. All the things that have happened are because of them. Before this pandemic, I was lost and confused. And when we had to be in quarantine I felt alone. School starts online and I made friends by talking to them through zoom then Snapchat. We went on a small adventure and stick together. For the first time, I didn't feel alone and felt amazing about myself. Sharing our growth together.





How was your lived experience during the past 14 months changed you?

It was really hard in the beginning. I had an eating disorder and it was so difficult in the beginning. I didn't think I could make it. I just started work in June after a few months in quarantines. It was difficult. Especially seeing the world's crublem every month. I just need support. I met my boyfriend through close friends. And it is the best time I had and im still making amazing memories. For the first time, I didn't feel alone. We felt alone during quarantine but have just one person there can change so much and make the time go by fast.

Made you?

I could say my boyfriend or my close friend made me but in reality they just a small part of who I am. Im a girl who is trying to finish school to be in the fashion industry. A girl who loves plants and during quarantine I bought way too much. Im a girl who is trying to

figure this out like everyone else. No one is perfect and especially this time it is difficult. But having people who love you and care about you can be a huge difference during this time.

While stores are opening back up and summer is almost here and the vaccine is for everyone maybe we could have a new life from what quarantine was

